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1. IN A TELEVISED COMMENTARY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 11, IZVESTIYA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF TOLKUNOV DISCUSSED HIS RECENT TRAVELS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE FOCUSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, AND DID NOT REPEAT THE CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT EGYPT WHICH HAD MARKED HIS WRITTEN REPORTS (REFTEL).

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2. WITH MAPS AND PHOTOS, TOLKUNOV EMPHASIZED THE PLIGHT OF

THE PALESTINIANS AND THE JUSTICE OF THEIR CAUSE IN TERMS VERY SIMILAR TO HIS EARLIER ARTICLE. HE REPEATED THAT MANY PALESTINIANS SAW THAT LAND WAS THEIR PRIMARY NEED AND THAT THE WEST BANK AND GAZA COULD BECOME A PALESTINIAN STATE. HE NOTED WITHOUT SPECIFIC ENDORSEMENT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL THAT THE PALESTINIANS BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEPC AND THAT THE PLO IS THEIR ONLY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE. HE SAID THAT THE ARABS CAN SEE THAT THE U.S. STILL SUPPORTS ISRAEL DESPITE HAVING ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SEVERAL ARAB GOVERNMENTS. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, SEEKS A GENUINE PEACE, WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE ALL ASPECTS OF THE ME PROBLEM.

3. IZVESTIYA AUGUST 12 CARRIES AN ARTICLE FROM ITS NEW CAIRO CORRESPONDENT, R. MOSEEV, ABOUT LIEF IN EGYPT'S CAPITAL. THE ARTICLE IS LARGELY A TRAVELOG, BUT IT ALSO NOTES THAT EGYPT HAS BEEN FORCED TO DEVOTE MAJOR RESOURCES TO WAR WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO IMPROVE THE PEOPLE'S LIVES. IT DOES NOT IMPLY ANY CRITICISM OF THE GOE. TOGETHER WITH TOLKUNOV'S SOFTER TONE, THIS ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE CHOSEN TO BACK OFF SOMEWHAT FROM THE CRITICAL STANCE OF THE EARLIER REPORTS.

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